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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | <i>Application Number</i> | 09/695,116 |
| | <i>Filing Date</i> | 10/24/2000 |
| | <i>First Named Inventor</i> | Thappa |
| | <i>Art Unit</i> | 3763 |
| | <i>Examiner Name</i> | Roz Maiorino |
| | <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | THA-P-00-001 |

This is Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR1.116 previously filed on March 22, 2004.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief for Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR1.17(e) is required by 37CFR1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or any additional fees which may be required in connection with this request, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.: 50-0595

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$385.00 as payment for the filing fee of an RCE

c. ☒ Applicant petitions the Commissioner for a two month extension of time so that the period for response is extended to April 26, 2004. A check in the amount of \$155.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

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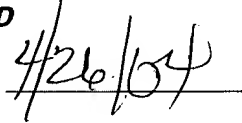
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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY REQUIRED

By:


Brian M. Mattson Reg. No. 35,018
Attorney for Applicant

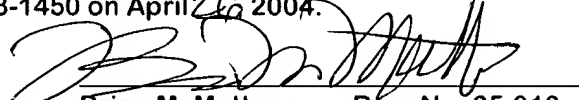
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When phoning re: this application
please call Brian M. Mattson at 773/772-6009

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) transmittal (in duplicate), check for \$385.00, check for \$155.00 and a return receipt postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 26, 2004.


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